

LOS ANGELES COUNTY PARAMEDIC SCOPE OF PRACTICE

CALIFORNIA PARAMEDIC REGULATION	LOS ANGELES COUNTY POLICIES
<p>Basic Scope - all individuals licensed in California must be trained and tested in these practices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (A) Perform defibrillation and synchronized cardioversion (B) Visualize the airway by use of the laryngoscope and remove foreign body(-ies) with forceps (C) Perform pulmonary ventilation by use of lower airway multi-lumen adjuncts, the esophageal airway, stomal intubation and adult oral endotracheal intubation (D) Institute intravenous (IV) catheters, saline locks, needles, or other cannulae (IV lines), in peripheral veins; and monitor and administer medications through pre-existing vascular access (E) Administer intravenous glucose solutions or isotonic balanced salt solutions including Ringer's lactate solution (F) Obtain venous blood samples (G) Use glucose measuring device (H) Utilize Valsalva maneuver (I) Perform needle cricothyroidotomy (J) Perform needle thoracostomy (K) Monitor thoracostomy tubes (L) Monitor and adjust IV solutions containing potassium, equal to or less than 20 mEq/L (M) Administer approved medications by the following routes: intravenous, intramuscular, subcutaneous, inhalation, transcutaneous, rectal, sublingual, endotracheal, oral or topical (N) Administer, using prepackaged products when available, the following medications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) 25% and 50% dextrose (2) activated charcoal (3) adenosine (4) aerosolized or nebulized beta₂ specific bronchodilators (5) aspirin (6) atropine sulfate (7) pralidoxime chloride (2-PAMCl) protopam (8) calcium chloride (9) diazepam (10) diphenhydramine hydrochloride (11) dopamine hydrochloride (12) epinephrine (13) furosemide (14) glucagon (15) midazolam (16) lidocaine hydrochloride (17) morphine sulfate (18) naloxone hydrochloride (19) nitroglycerin preparations, except intravenous, unless permitted under local optional scope of practice (20) sodium bicarbonate 	<p>SAME AS CALIFORNIA REGULATIONS EXCEPT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (D) Pre-existing vascular access device – external venous device only (E) Initiate normal saline solution only, may monitor glucose and Ringer's lactate solutions (I) Not utilized in Los Angeles County (J) 2nd intercostal space, mid-clavicular line only (L) Up to 40mEq/L (M) Endotracheal route not utilized (N) Medications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) 25% dextrose may be diluted from 50% dextrose (2) Not utilized in Los Angeles County (4) Aerosolized albuterol administered by hand-held nebulizer or FDA approved delivery device (9) Disaster caches only (13) Not utilized in Los Angeles County (16) Not utilized in Los Angeles County (19) Nitroglycerin spray only
<p>Based on California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Chapter 4, Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic</p> <p>EMT-I Scope of Practice – a paramedic may perform any activity.</p> <p>Paramedics must be trained and tested to demonstrate competence in performing the optional scope of practice.</p>	<p>Local Optional Scope</p> <p><u>Medications:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amyl Nitrite – (disaster caches) Amiodarone Potassium Chloride – up to 40mEq/L <p><u>Procedures (Requires EMS Agency approval):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adult/Pediatric Intraosseous insertion in cardiac arrest Transcutaneous Pacing for symptomatic bradycardia Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP)